

Forever Wild Land Trust

Tracts with Hunting Provisions

Wildlife Management Area/Community Hunting Area/Special Opportunity Area

Tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program

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The following information describes Forever Wild Land Trust Tracts (FWLT) with public hunting opportunities located within the Wildlife Management Area/Community Hunting Area system. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and the State Lands Division to improve hunting related activities. Hunting is allowed as a recreational activity, but is not the only recreational activity that takes place there.

FWLT currently owns/leases 262,377 acres.

FWLT currently has 224,698 (86%) acres that serve as part of the WMA system

FWLT currently has 24,277 (9%) acres managed as Nature Preserve and Recreation Areas that allow hunting

FWLT currently has 11,823 (4%) acres managed as Nature Preserve and Recreation Areas that do not allow hunting

FWLT currently has 2,642 (1%) acres that serve as addition to State Parks.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

All properties are subject to Rules 220-2-.22. Hunters must have a valid hunting license, Wildlife Management Area license, and permit map; and follow regulations, seasons, and limits for the county in which the tract is located. For more information contact the State Lands Division at 1-800-LANDALA or see <http://www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas>

The Barbour WMA -Rmack Tract Additions and Dixon Tract Addition in Barbour and Bullock County are a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. These combined 6,430 acre acquisitions serve as a public land addition to the Barbour Wildlife Management Area, which is one of the largest and oldest state owned public hunting areas in Alabama (see purchase # 2).

Location: Barbour Co., T11N, R22E, multiple townships and sections, Bullock Co., T12N, R25E, Section 13; T11 & 12N, R27E, multiple areas within Sections 5, 6, 7, 31, 32

Cahaba River WMA Tract in Shelby and Bibb County consists of a 93 year hunting lease for 70% of the Wildlife Management Area. The tract is comprised of mountainous and wooded terrain, hosting springs, rocky bluffs as well as early successional habitats within reclaimed areas and plantation forests bordering the Cahaba River. In partnership with the Molpus Timberlands, the plantation timber is under a pre-existing 93 year lease arrangement with a third party.

Location: multiple townships and sections

Coosa WMA: Cahaba & Columbiana Tracts, Weogufka State Forest Addition, Hancock Phase II Addition – Coosa County, 11,350 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Coosa WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the WFF Prattville Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 358-0035.

Location: Township 22N, Range 16, & 17E, Multiple Sections Flag Mountain, Mitchell Dam, Mitchell Dam Northwest, and Richville Quads; T23N, R17E, S1,11, 12, 14 and 23; T22N, R17E Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35

Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Tract Additions, Walker, BDM, JCM, BTW, Tassin, Shaw Hollow and Pea Ridge Tract Additions, Freedom Hills Adams and McCullough Additions, Lauderdale Whitsett Hollow Addition, Tom Ray Swamp, Denson Tract Addition – Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, 32,130 acres. Numerous acquisitions provide public land for two WMAs that have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMAs. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS. For additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits contact WFF at (256)-359-6208 for Freedoms Hills and (256)-760-8670 for Lauderdale.

Location: Multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River. The Pickwick, Waterloo, Wright, Margerum, Cherokee, Bishop, Barton, Pleasant Site, Pleasant Grove and Yellow Creek Quad; T01S R14W Section 32

Little River Canyon WMA-The Little River Canyon-Hancock/TNC Addition in Cherokee County is a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. This 1,506 acre acquisition serves as a public land addition to the Little River Canyon Wildlife Management Area, which is one of the largest and oldest state owned public hunting areas in Alabama.

Location: T07 & 08S, R10E, multiple sections

Lowndes WMA- Riggins Tract and Big Swamp Creek Addition in Lowndes County consists of 1,967 acres of upland and bottomland hardwoods, pine plantations and open fields on gently rolling alluvial land within Alabama's black belt. The tracts are being managed, along with other federal and state land acquisitions in the area, as part of the Lowndes Wildlife Management Area. The tract abuts Highway 80 and offers new access to other WMA land in the southern quadrant of the public hunting area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Part of the Riggins Tract is restricted to bow hunting only. Contact the office at Lowndes WMA for

additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping at (205)399-5716 or (334) 874-4471.

Location: T16N, R15E, Sections 19 and 30; Lowndesboro Quad; T15N, R13E, portions of Sections 8, 13, 18, & 19

Mobile-Tensaw Delta: Delta Tract, Bayou Canot, Salco and Middle River, Middle River West, McMillan Tracts 1, 2 & 3, Jacinto Port, Bayou Jessamine, Coastal Land Trust, Bayou Sara, Mifflin Lake Tract Addition; Bayou Sara CLT, and N. Q. Adams Additions - Baldwin and Mobile Counties, 43,743 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Upper Delta and W.L. Holland WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS. Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 626-5474.

Location: Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for specific descriptions. The Basin, Bilbo Island, Chickasaw, and Stiggins Lake Quads

Mulberry Fork WMA Tract in Walker and Tuscaloosa County consists of a 93 year hunting lease for the entire 33,280 acre Wildlife Management Area. The tract is comprised of mountainous and wooded terrain, hosting springs, rocky bluffs as well as early successional habitats within reclaimed areas and plantation forests bordering the Bankhead Lake portion of the Black Warrior River. In partnership with the Molpus Timberlands, the plantation timber is under a pre-existing 93 year lease arrangement with a third party.

Location: multiple townships and sections

Perdido River-Longleaf Hills Tracts, Perdido Swift Addition, Perdido River Barnhill Addition Baldwin County, 6,161 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Perdido WMA.

Location: multiple sections within T2S, T3S and R4S, R5S, R6S

Walls of Jericho Jacob Farm Addition, Post Oak Flat, Henshaw Cove, Sims/ Swaim/Johnson, Estillfork, Threwer Point, Pole Branch Addition Tracts, and Post Oak Flat Patrick Addition and Shiflett Addition, And Jacobs Mountain Addition, Walls of Jericho Hurricane Creek Addition - Jackson County, 25,617 acres. The Walls of Jericho, Post Oak Flats, Henshaw Cove, Sims/Swaim/Johnson, Post Oak Flat Patrick Addition, and Jacobs Mountain Tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The Jacob Farm tract was purchased solely as an addition to James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE

REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the office at Skyline WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (256) 587-3114. For the Walls of Jericho Tract west of highway 79 and the Henshaw Cove Tract, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are only allowed to retrieve a harvested deer.

Location: Township 1S and 2S, Range 4E, 5E, 6E and 7E Multiple Sections. Estill Fork, Hytop and Eureka Quads; T2S, R6E, Sections 17,18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33 TS3, R6E, Section 4; T02S, R04E, T03S, R04E Multiple Sections

Wehle Tract- Bullock County, 1,505 acres. This tract is cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on 626 acres of the tract are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and have been included within the Barbour County Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT THE 626 ACRES AT THIS LOCATION.** Contact the office at Barbour County WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (334)529-3222.

Location: Township 12N, Range 22E, Sections 28 & 29 corner quad.

Charles D. Kelley Autauga County WMA- 1,984 acres in Autauga County consisting of upland and bottomland hardwood forest along with pine plantation. These tracts are managed along with other state land acquisitions in the area as part of the Autauga Wildlife Management Area. This tract lies west of I-65 along county roads 57 and 40. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THE LOCATION.** Contact the office at Autauga WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping at (205) 339-5716.

Location: Townships 18 & 19N, Ranges 15 & 16E, Multiple Sections.

COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS

Coon Gulf-Glawson and Coon Gulf Blue Hole Tracts - Jackson County, 3245 acres. Cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Community Hunting Area.

Location: multiple sections in T3S, R8E

Grand Bay Savannah Complex (Grand Bay Savannah Tract, Grand Bay Savannah Addition, Little River Road Addition Tract, Giddens Tract Addition, and Drake Addition) - Mobile County, 5,271 acres. Managed by the State Lands Division as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities. Upland and wetland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Portersville and Grand Bays support some wintering waterfowl.

Location: T7S, R3W, and parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30 Grand Bay Quad

The Riverton Community Hunting Area (Boone Branch Addition, Riverton CHA Ables Road Addition) in Colbert County is a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. This 80 acre acquisition provides for public land additions to the Riverton Community Hunting Area, which coupled with the Freedom Hills WMA, had been experiencing recent declines in acreage until Forever Wilds Southern Timber Venture purchase in 2001 (see purchase #20, #43, and #45).

Location: 80 acres - T02S, R13W, portion of Section 22

The Yates Lake West Tract, Weil Trust Addition, Yates Lake Guy Addition, Tapley Addition, and Yates Lake North Addition in Elmore County consist of 5,933 acres of a pine-hardwood hills and creek valleys on the western shore of Yates Lake. Habitat components include longleaf pine stands and mature hardwood creek bottoms, as well as the protection of 3 miles of shoreline along the Tallapoosa River. The tract is to be managed for a broad assortment of public recreational opportunities, as a nature preserve, and an environmental education study area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMAs. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.

Location: T19N, R21& 22E, in Sections 10,11,12,13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 7,18,19,30 respectively; T19N, R21E Sections 1, 2, and 12, T19N, R22E Sections 6 and 7

Special Opportunity Area

Cedar Creek SOA - located in Dallas County Cedar Creek consists of 3,612 acres of mixed upland and bottomland hardwood and pine forest on the eastern side of the Alabama River. Habitat components include pine stands and mature hardwood creek bottoms and is bordered by Cedar Creek on the north. The tract is being managed as a special opportunity area for deer and turkey hunters based on a random drawing system. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the SOAs. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.

Location: Township 14N and Range 10E, Sections 3,4,9,10,16, and 15.

Uchee Creek SOA - Located in Russell County consisting of 4,735 acres of mixed upland and bottomland hardwood and pine forest south of Opelika and Auburn. Habitat components include pine stands and mature hardwood creek bottoms and is bordered by Uchee Creek on the north. The tract is being managed as a special opportunity area for deer and turkey hunters based on a random drawing system. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the SOAs. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.

Location: Township 16N and Range 27 & 28E, Multiple Sections